

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An interference resistant infrared extension system comprising:

one or more infrared photodetectors configured to detect impinging infrared light having a signal frequency modulated by data;

an amplifier in electrical communication with said one or more IR photodetectors, wherein said amplifier is tuned to amplify electrical signals generated by said one or more IR photodetectors;

one or more infrared light emitters in electrical communication with said amplifier, wherein in said one or more infrared light emitters are configured to emit infrared light in response to electrical signals from said amplifier; and

an infrared bandpass filter configured to filter light impinging on said one or more IR photodetectors, wherein said bandpass filter is configured to have a center wavelength falling within the range of about 920nm to about 980nm; an 80 percent bandwidth ~~no less than about~~ of approximately 10nm; and a 50 percent bandwidth ~~no less than about~~ of approximately 20nm.

2. (Original) The interference resistant infrared extension system of claim 1, wherein said 50 percent bandwidth of said infrared bandpass filter encompasses the about 940nm to about 960nm wavelength range.

3. (Original) The interference resistant infrared extension system of claim 1, wherein said amplifier is configured to respond to one or more of the following signal frequencies 32KHz, 40KHz, and 56KHz.

4. (Currently amended) An interference resistant infrared receiver, comprising:

(a) at least one infrared photodetector configured to detect impinging infrared light of a desired wavelength;

(b) an amplifier, coupled to the at least one infrared photodetector, for amplifying an electrical signal generated by the at least one infrared photodetector;
and

(c) a bandpass filter, coupled to the at least one infrared photodetector;~~and~~

~~(d) at least one infrared light emitter, coupled to the amplifier, for emitting a signal in response to an electrical signal generated by the at least one infrared photodetector,~~

wherein the desired impinging infrared light passes through the bandpass filter before impinging on the at least one infrared photodetector, wherein the bandpass filter is configured to pass desired impinging infrared light having a center wavelength within a range used by home and office infrared control systems and block undesired impinging wavelengths of light outside of this range.

5. (Original) The infrared receiver of claim 4, wherein more than one infrared photodetector is used to increase the sensitivity of the receiver to the impinging infrared light.

6. (Original) The infrared receiver of claim 5, wherein a sensitivity of the amplifier is increased such that the sensitivity of the receiver is increased with respect to the impinging infrared light.

7. (Original) The infrared receiver of claim 6, wherein the bandpass filter passes light falling within a wavelength range of about 920nm to about 980nm.

8. (Currently amended) The infrared receiver of claim 7, wherein the bandpass filter has an 80 percent bandwidth ~~no less than~~ about 10nm wide.

9. (Currently amended) The infrared receiver of claim 8, wherein the bandpass filter has a 50 percent bandwidth ~~no less than~~ about 20nm wide.

10. (Original) The infrared receiver of claim 9, wherein the amplifier further comprises an automatic gain control circuit for accepting impinging infrared light of different intensities and generating electrical signals of substantially similar signal strengths therefrom.

11. (Original) The infrared receiver of claim 10, wherein a first infrared light emitter emits light of a first wavelength and a second infrared light emitter emits light of a second wavelength.

12. (Currently amended) An interference resistant infrared communication system, comprising:

α an infrared detector for receiving an infrared optical communication signal;
an amplifier, coupled to the infrared detector, for amplifying an electrical signal generated by the infrared detector;

a bandpass filter, coupled to the infrared detector, and having a center wavelength for permitting ~~the optical communication signal~~ home and office infrared control system signals to substantially pass through the filter while substantially preventing interfering signals from reaching the infrared detector;
and

α an infrared light emitter, coupled to the amplifier, for emitting a signal in response to an electrical signal generated by the infrared detector.

13. (Currently amended) The interference resistant infrared communication system of claim 12, wherein the infrared detector comprises at least one infrared photodetector.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) The interference resistant communication system of claim ~~14~~ 13, wherein the filter further comprises an electromagnetic interference screen.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A method for communicating, comprising:
detecting an infrared electromagnetic communication signal;
converting the infrared electromagnetic communication signal to an electrical signal;
amplifying the electrical signal;

filtering all signals outside of a frequency band used by home and office infrared control system signals from the infrared electromagnetic communication signal prior to detecting the infrared electromagnetic communication signal;

emitting an infrared electromagnetic signal in response and corresponding to the electrical signal, wherein a desired infrared optical communication signal is substantially converted to an electrical signal while interfering signals are substantially prevented from being converted to an electrical signal.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein detecting the infrared electromagnetic communication signal is performed using a plurality of infrared detectors, the plurality of ~~detector~~ infrared detectors being used to increase sensitivity.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein amplifying the electrical signal is performed using an amplifier with increased sensitivity.